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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO LONDON, MOGADISCIO,
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 18731

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LONDON FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARROP

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, PGOV, GW, SO

SUBJECT: FRG VIEWS ON SOMALIA

REF: BONN 18545

SUMMARY: THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE TELLS US THE FRG IS
REMAINING IMPARTIAL TOWARD SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA. FRG
ECONOMIC AID TO SOMALIA GROWS, HOWEVER. LATEST
ADDITION IS DM 6-MILLION WORTH OF TRUCKS AND EARTH-
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MOVING EQUIPMENT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BY THE END OF
THE YEAR. SOMALIA HAS SURPRISED THE FRG BY ASKING
FOR SECURITY GUARANTEES. FRG IS APPROACHING LONDON
MEETING WITH HOPE OF ARRIVING AT COORDINATED WESTERN
RESPONSE TO SOMALIA'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE SO THAT
A PAX SOVIETICA MAY BE BLOCKED. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FRG HAS REAFFIRMED ITS DECISION NOT TO TAKE SIDES IN THE CONFLICT IN THE HORN. ACCORDING TO KREMER, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE AFTER COMPREHENSIVE REEVALUATION OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH BOTH SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA IN AFTERMATH OF LUFTHANSA HIJACKING. THE FRG REJECTS THE POSSIBILITY OF BILATERAL SHIPMENTS OF ARMS TO SOMALIA AND HAS SO INFORMED THE ETHIOPIANS. (DIRECTOR OF FRG FOREIGN OFFICE PLANNING STAFF KINKEL HAS JUST RETURNED FROM ETHIOPIA AND MAPUTO WHERE HE HELD TALKS ON AID AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE WILL REPORT THIS TRIP BY SEPTEL.)

2. NEVERTHELESS, THE FRG CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT SOMALIA MUST BE AIDED IN ITS EFFORT TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIETS. THE FRG HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE UP TO DM 6-MILLION WORTH OF TRUCKS AND OTHER HEAVY EQUIPMENT UNDER A PROGRAM DESIGNED OSTENSIBLY TO ASSIST DISPLACED NOMADS. ALTHOUGH THE SOMALIS HAVE NOT YET BEEN INFORMED ON DETAILS, THE FRG PLANS ARE TO PROVIDE THIRTY 10-TON TRUCKS WORTH APPROXIMATELY DM 3-MILLION AND OTHER HEAVY EARTH-MOVING EQUIPMENT WORTH NEARLY THE SAME. DELIVERY IS ANTICIPATED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

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3. SO AS TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING, THIS AND OTHER FRG AID WILL BE DELIVERED BY PRIVATE CHARTER AIRCRAFT, NOT LUFTWAFFE CARGO PLANES AS WOULD NORMALLY BE THE CASE. THE ADDED EXPENSE IS A SERIOUS DRAIN ON AVAILABLE FUNDS. NEVERTHELESS, THE PROCEDURE IS NECESSARY TO AVOID THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRG BAN ON MILITARY AID IS LESS THAN COMPLETE.

4. AS WASHINGTON IS AWARE, THE FRG WAS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES RECENTLY APPROACHED IN MOGADISCIO FOR ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR, STATE SECRETARY VAN WELLCONFIRMED THAT, IN ADDITION TO POINTS RAISED WITH OTHER WESTERN AMBASSADORS, THE SOMALIS HAD ASKED THE FRG FOR SOME TYPE OF SECURITY GUARANTEE. (AS FAR AS THE FOREIGN OFFICE KNOWS, THIS REQUEST WAS NOT MADE TO ANY OTHER EMBASSIES OR CAPITALS.) AT FIRST, THIS REFERENCE TO SECURITY GUARANTEES WAS INTERPRETED IN BONN AS PERHAPS AN INADVERTENT SLIP OF THE TONGUE. HOWEVER, IT HAS SINCE BEEN REPEATED TO THE FRG AMBASSADOR IN SUCH TERMS AS TO LEAVE NO DOUBT THE REQUEST WAS INTENTIONAL.

ACCORDING TO KREMER, THE FRG'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE LONDON TALKS (MUELLER) WILL RAISE THIS POINT FOR JOINT CONSIDERATION.

5. KREMER ADDED THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN SOMALIA AND THE HORN IF MILITARY AID FROM THE WEST IS NOT FORTHCOMING. IN THE ABSENCE OF A COORDINATED WESTERN RESPONSE, HE SAW THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT OVERCOME THEIR CURRENT DIFFICULTIES AND IN FACT EMERGE AS PEACEMAKER IN THE REGION. THIS COULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT NOT ONLY ON WESTERN PRESTIGE, BUT ALSO ON THE FATE OF SIAD BARRE.

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6. COMMENT: THE SOMALIS APPEAR TO HAVE SOME PURPOSE IN RAISING THE QUESTION OF SECURITY GUARANTEES ONLY WITH THE FRG. A COMMENT BY KREMER TO THE EFFECT THAT THE OAU'S PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION HAS SPECIAL MEANING TO GERMANS, LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT THE SOMALIS MAY HAVE FOUND A SYMPATHETIC EAR. WE KNOW THAT AFTER THE EVENTS OF LAST MONTH IN MOGADISCIO, THE SOMALIS LOOK TO THE FRG TO PLEAD THEIR CASE WITH HER ALLIES. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE FRG'S POSITION IN LONDON IS MORE PRO-SOMALI THAN WE ARE BEING TOLD HERE. STOESSEL UNQUOTE VANCE

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